Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner J. David Donahue Launches Road to Re-entry for Hoosiers

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Indianapolis, (August 29, 2005) - The Indiana Department of Correction announced that it has launched a new Web site to help released offenders connect with resources offered by the Department, local communities and state agencies. The <u>Road to Re-entry for Hoosiers</u> site is a one-stop-shop for released offenders seeking employment, housing, transportation and medical services.

"The Road to Re-entry for Hoosiers site is service-driven site designed to get offenders connected to quick access to real-time, critical information," said J. David Donahue, Commissioner of the Department.

In an effort to build partnerships, Commissioner J. David Donahue has reached out to local communities at Town Hall meetings throughout the state saying that the Department has to do a better job spending taxpayer dollars and providing better solutions to reduce the current rates of recidivism, while maintaining public safety.

"Providing accurate information and timely resources is first step towards making sure that we building stronger relationships with community service providers, area employers, and volunteers dedicated to helping offenders get acclimated back into their neighborhoods," added Donahue.

The Road to Re-entry site is easy to navigate, as content is organized by the Department's services and community partnerships, including:

- Parole
- Indiana Sex Offender Directory
- Volunteer Opportunities

- Public Service Announcements
- Useful Links
- Department of Correction Events
- Media Gallery

Further content improvements and additional functionality are planned for the coming months as the Department works to launch the Indiana's first re-entry center at the Plainfield facility. This new re-entry facility will assist offenders who were sentenced from central Indiana with finding approved permanent housing, identifying employment opportunities, and linking them up to the community resources they need - all prior to their release from confinement.

To learn more about the Department's re-entry efforts, please visit http: www.reentry.in.gov.

About The Department of Correction

A The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 23,000 adult offenders and more than 1,000 juveniles, in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: http://www.in.gov/indcorrection.